

Assignments

(THIS ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED)

1. Read the assigned books on your 2011 Summer Reading List. While reading, keep a journal of your thoughts, predictions, visualizations, questions and connections. Make at least 20 entries in the following format:

| DATE | PAGE # | NOTES |
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(CHOOSE ONE ACTIVITY PER BOOK)

2. After reading, choose ONE of the following assignments to complete for each book you read:
 - A) Write a five minute radio advertisement persuading the public as to why they should buy and read this book.
 - B) Write a one-page letter to the author. Include why you enjoyed the book and at least two questions about the book or the writing style.
 - C) Create a movie poster for the book. Include catchy slogan, an illustration that captures the main message of the book, and who would be playing the main characters.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Signature:
I acknowledge that I have seen the 2011 Summer Reading Assignment and will encourage my child to participate.

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Books can be
found at the
public library,
Borders, Barnes
& Noble, or on
amazon.com

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Turn in your Journal(s) and your Assignments to your Language Arts teacher on August 22, 2011. The Summer Reading Book Reviews/ Reports will count as 5% of your first nine weeks grade, so please make sure they are COMPLETE and ON TIME!



Middle School
Summer Reading List

Summer 2011

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Rising 6th Grade

REQUIRED Rules

by Cynthia Lord

Twelve year old Catherine's autistic brother's rules frustrate her to no end. Her new friendship adds an interesting twist to her already complicated life.

(Select ONE Book)

- Old Yeller by Wilson Rawls
- The Tiger Rising by Kate DiCamillo
Rob is drawn into a plan to free a caged tiger by a new friend.
- Eggs by Jerry Spinelli
Nine-year-old David lives with his grandmother and forms a friendship with 13-year-old Primrose, who struggles with her own family issues.



Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.
~ Joseph Addison ~

Rising 7th Grade

REQUIRED Island of the Blue Dolphins

by O'Dell Scott

As Island of the Blue Dolphins opens, Karana and her brother, Ramo see a ship approaching their island. When the ship lands, the chief of their village (also their father), Chowig goes to meet the visitors, along with a number of his warriors.

(Select ONE Book)

- Tangerine by Edward Bloor
Soccer-playing, legally blind Paul Fisher begins to uncover the ugly truth about this football-hero brother.
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
American classic in which Scout and Jem experience racism in a small town during the Depression.
- Souder by William M. Armstrong
An angry, young African American boy is transformed through the relationship of his devoted dog, Souder, and the gift of learning to read



Catch the Reading Bug!

Rising 8th Grade

REQUIRED The Hobbit

by J.R.R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

(Select ONE Book)

- Crispin by Avi
Crispin: The Cross of Lead (2002) is an engaging story about a young boy (Crispin) in medieval England. The book starts with the death of the boy's mother, which sets a series of political complications in motion, dislodging Crispin from the village he has known his entire life and sending him out across the countryside.
- Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
GUY MONTAG IS A FIREMAN who burns books in a futuristic American city. In Montag's world, firemen start fires rather than putting them out. The people in this society do not read books, enjoy nature, spend time by themselves, think independently, or have meaningful conversations. Instead, they drive very fast, watch excessive amounts of television on wall-size sets, and listen to the radio on "Seashell Radio" sets attached to their ears.
- I am the Cheese by Robert Cormier
Adam Farmer narrates as he pedals his old bicycle from Monument, Massachusetts, to visit his father in Rutterburg, Vermont.
- Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
This novel portrays a dramatic medical experiment and its implications for society. Thirty-year old retarded Charlie Gordon is turned into a genius, as is his friend, Algernon, a white mouse.